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FIRST PRIMARY COMES MONDAY

Non-Partisan Ballots Will Be
Used in First of City's
Primaries

ONLY ONE CONTEST IS ON

Five Seek Nomination as Short Term
Commissioners With Four
as Limit.

The first primary election to be held under the charter of the commission form of government in Alma, will be held Monday, March 19, at which time the candidates for the various city and ward offices are to be chosen this year.

Under the charter only two men can be nominated for any one office. This means that both Charles R. Murphy and Henry H. Soule, the two men who have filed their initiative petitions for the office of mayor will be nominated. Four men have filed initiative petitions for the office of commissioners for the long term, and as there are two such commissioners to be elected, these four men will be nominated. They are John C. Chick, Jasper W. Blakely, Floyd H. Glass and Wyndred Wilson.

For commissioner for the short term, petitions have been filed for five men, so that one of these men will be eliminated at the primaries this coming Monday. The two men seeking nomination for mayor, the four seeking nomination as commissioners for the long term, and A. J. Archer, J. M. Montigel, P. W. Creaser, and Frank E. Pollasky, for the short term, who have the endorsement of the Board of Trade, are the men that The Alma Record believes are the most capable men who can be nominated.

Nelson Fullerton, who also has a petition filed, and will have his name on the primary ballot, is one man whom The Record cannot support. He was a foe of the commission form of city government adopted by the voters of the city by a vote of about seven to one, and as such his work under the commission could hardly be expected to be as good as the work of those in sympathy with it. In the years that he has served as an alderman we have discovered nothing in his record that would particularly entitle him to serve the city as a commissioner. It has been noted however, that he has drawn a salary from the city as an alderman, and also as an employee on city work.

The men whom the Board of Trade endorsed for the nominations for the various offices are those who have made good records in their own business affairs and are regarded locally as successful business men. It should be a matter of pride for the city to nominate and then elect such men to public office, and the voters could then feel that the affairs of the city would be conducted properly at a minimum cost. They should have men in office who can see the advisability of having city work, such as sewers, buildings, and paving done at a minimum cost, rather than in the winter, when costs are bound to be more, because of delays which must be experienced, and because of slower work due to the weather conditions.

The name of only one man from each ward will be on the ticket at the primary for nomination as supervisor. These are J. E. Fuller in the first ward, N. E. Saad in the second ward, A. R. Smith in the third ward, and J. D. Helman in the fourth ward.

William H. Rogers, with an initiative petition filed, will have his name on the primary ballot as seeking the nomination as justice of the peace. He is the only candidate for this office, and his record is such that he should be nominated and elected to succeed himself.

LAST GAME

Final Home Game of Basketball Season Comes Friday Night.

The Alma college basketball team will play the strong Ypsilanti Normal quintet Friday evening in the final home battle of the season, and the hopes of the locals for a victory in the final encounter are high.

The Normals have made a fine record this year, and while the game will not be an association game, it is attracting considerable attention, because of this record. One of the few defeats which the Alma team has suffered this season was at the hands of Ypsilanti last month.

The Maroon and Cream quintet feels that it has the ability to square up matters with the Teachers and are going into the game to get revenge for the previous defeat and the two defeats which this team handed the local five a year ago.

The game will be called promptly at 8:00, and will be played as usual in the Alma high school gymnasium. Schwei of M. A. C. has been secured to officiate this contest.

QUICK CURE FOR CROUP

Watch for the first symptom, hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once. It is prompt and effectual.

Coming March 18-19, "Virtuous Wives," Liberty Theater—adv.

CASH RE-APPOINTED

Present Incumbent Will Retain Post Office Another Term.

Official notice of the re-appointment of Vincent P. Cash for the second term as postmaster at Alma has been received here. It comes as the result of four years of hard service in endeavoring to keep pace with the rapidly growing demands of a constantly and rapidly increasing number of patrons of the Alma office.

The demands upon the local post office have been such that no postmaster in the history of Alma has ever shown such receipts or amount of business transacted, as has been the case in the past four years. When Mr. Cash took the office the receipts were running from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year. During the past twelve months they have leaped to approximately \$50,000, or an increase of over three times that of four years ago.

War activities and the large increase in business has made the help problem a most serious one, especially during the past two years, and it has required very close attention and a lot of hard work to keep the affairs of the post office properly adjusted.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-4f-c

"IKE" FIELD IS NEW ALMA COACH

Holder of Collegiate Records To
Direct Alma Baseball and
Track Teams.

"Ike" Field has accepted the position as coach of the Alma college baseball team this spring, and will report for duty at the college on Tuesday, April 1, the day that the spring vacation comes to an end.

It is understood that Mr. Field will come to Alma for baseball only, as he will go to Allegheny college, Pa., next year to assume charge of the athletic teams of that college.

Field has been coaching for some few years, practically all of his work so far having been with high schools. Of late he has been at Flint. During this time he has made a good record as a coach, and is expected to prove a capable baseball man. Field is particularly desirous of having some college experience before going to Allegheny college, now that he has decided to continue in this line of work, and welcomes the offer which has been tendered to him to come to Alma.

Field will start the season with one of the best bunches of old-men that the college has had in some years, and the fans are confidently expecting that the new mentor will bring into the fold the third successive baseball title for the Maroon and Cream. Six old men are on hand for the team this year, and besides these men there is an abundance of new material which is reported to be classy in every respect.

As there will be little opportunity for workouts prior to the spring vacation, because of the lateness of the baseball season and the fact that spring vacation starts the week following the close of basketball. During this week the veteran Fitch, who has been through several baseball campaigns, will direct the workouts of the baseball men, and have them in condition to start with a rush when Coach Field reports April 1.

OLMSTEAD ARRIVES

Another former big-leaguer in the person of Olinstead, formerly with the White Sox, hit the city the first of the week, and reached an agreement with the Reuphile Athletic club, whereby he will come to Alma this summer, and hurl baseball for the Republic team.

Olmstead, who is at present on the road for the Firestone Tire company, has seen plenty of experience in baseball, having played in the American association for some years, previous to his try-out with the White Sox.

The appearance of DeVogt, formerly with Cleveland, to manage the Republics and the appearance of Olinstead here, makes it certain that the Truckmakers intend to have one of the fastest organizations in the state this year.

GOOD MEETING HELD

An enthusiastic meeting of about twenty-five farmers of Arcadia township was held in the Arcadia Grange hall Monday evening, when State Deputy Michael outlined his plan for cooperative shipping, by shipping live stock by carload or half carloads. It was shown that a substantial increase in price could be secured. Under this plan it is the intention to have the members pay ten cents for each hundred pounds shipped and the non-members fifteen cents. Fourteen of the farmers joined the organization formed at this meeting.

The proposition of a farmers' cooperative elevator was brought up and it was stated that as soon as plans could be perfected there were elevators which could be bought. It was decided for the present to work with the Ithaca elevator, and two directors from Arcadia were chosen. These being Clarence Clark and Byrd Clark. This will not act to prevent a carload from being shipped at Alma when it can be had.

CLEAN, SAFE, AND SANE

Clean food, properly cooked at a reasonable price is what makes the European Cafe popular.—77-4f-c

U. S. SOLDIERS TO GET BONUS

Honorably Discharged Fighters
of Country Can Secure This
Extra Money.

WILL PROVE A GREAT AID

Official Notice Tells Men How to
Proceed to Secure this
Fund.

A bonus of \$60.00 is to be given to soldiers of the United States when they are given their discharges from the service according to official announcement, which has just been made. This will be a great boon to thousands of men who are leaving the army practically penniless and will aid in tiding them over until such a time as they can secure work.

The order follows:

"Section 1406 of the Revenue Act approved February 24, 1919, provides 'That all persons serving in the military or naval forces of the United States during the present war who have since April 6, 1917, resigned or been discharged under honorable conditions (or, in the case of Reservists, been placed on inactive duty), shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts due them in pursuance of law, \$60 each. This amount shall not be paid (1) to any person though appointed or inducted into the military or naval forces on or prior to November 11, 1918, had not reported for duty at his station on or prior to such date; or (2) to any person who has already received one month's pay under the provisions of Section 9 of the Act entitled 'An Act to Authorize the President to increase Temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States,' approved May 18, 1917; or (3) to any person who is entitled to retired pay; or (4) to the heirs or legal representatives of any person entitled to any payment under this section who has died or may die before receiving such payment. In the case of any person who subsequent to separation from the service as above specified has been appointed or inducted into the military or naval forces of the United States and has been or is again separated from the service as above specified, only one payment of \$60 shall be made. The above amount, in case of separation from the service on or prior to the passage of this Act, shall be paid as practicable after the passage of this Act, and in the case of separation from the service after the passage of this Act shall be paid at the time of such separation. The amounts here provided for shall be paid out of the appropriation for 'Pay of the Army' and 'Pay of the Navy,' respectively, by such disbursing officers as may be designated by the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy respectively shall make all regulations necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of this section."

"Paragraph 2. All persons separated from active military service after receipt of these instructions who are entitled to the bonus of \$60 provided for in the Act above quoted will be credited with and paid such bonus upon their final pay vouchers. In the event that they have been separated from active service prior to receipt of these instructions, but have not received final pay, the disbursing officer making final settlement will include and pay the bonus of \$60 in making such settlement. Disbursing officers making payment of \$60 bonus in connection with final settlement will make indorsement in each case on the discharge certificate or discharge order, if no certificate is issued, of each person showing specifically that such bonus was paid.

"Paragraph 3. All persons separated from active military service from April 6, 1917, to date of receipt of these instructions, who are entitled to the \$60 bonus in reference, and who have received their final pay, will forward claim for such bonus direct to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C., who is hereby designated to settle such claims. Such applications must contain: (a) the discharge certificate, or order for discharge or relief, if no certificate was issued, but both certificate and order if both were issued, the paper bearing indorsement of final payment being required; (b) a statement of all military service since April 6, 1917, showing place and date of reporting at first military station, and (c) address to which check is to be sent. When settlement is made all personal papers will be returned to applicant with check. No further correspondence is necessary, except to advise of change in address of applicant. No other disbursing officers

are authorized to pay claims covered by this paragraph."

2. The above information was also cabled on the same date to the Commanding Generals of the American Expeditionary Forces in France and Siberia and Department Commanders of Departments outside the continental limits of the United States.

By authority of the Director of Purchase, Storage & Traffic:
H. M. Lord, Brigadier General
Assistant to the Director of Purchase, Storage and Traffic, Director of Finance.

TWO CENT POSTAGE

The Alma post office has received official announcement that on July 1 the two-cent postage will come into vogue again, displacing the three-cent rate which went on with the entrance of the United States into the great world conflict. The announcement was made yesterday by Howard C. Lake, assistant postmaster.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET A SUCCESS

Annual Affair Attracted Largest
Crowd that Has Ever
Attended this Function.

The annual "Father and Son" banquet last evening at the Republic cafeteria, was perhaps the best affair of the kind which has so far been held in this city.

The attendance at the banquet in particular was one of the pleasing features, there being more men and sons from the city present than has been the case at any banquet held in past years, thus bringing the fathers and sons closer in touch with each other than in the past, giving more men and boys of the city the splendid opportunity for grasping the viewpoints of the other on life.

The desires, and the ambitions of the boys were laid forth; the results of years of effort and achievement upon the part of the fathers were held up to the young lads of the city, that they might find an example, and that the sympathies of the fathers might go out to the sons in their efforts to lead a life of usefulness to their community.

Following the banquet which started at 6:30, prof. Charles Brokenshire of Alma college acting as toastmaster, a number of interesting toasts were given, which were well greeted by those who attended the affair.

Rev. Willis Gelston responded to the toast, "The Father," which contained some very interesting and instructive thoughts for the many lads who attended the affair. Donald Dunham responded to the toast, "Fathers, Boys Admire." His toast was full of thought and set forth in fitting fashion the men, whom boys admire and wish to be like. H. C. Carter of the Republic in his toast, "The Sons," told of his experiences which had brought him in close touch with young men and boys, and particularly fitted him for this toast, which he handled in a very praiseworthy manner. Carl Wood, responding to the toast, "The Boys and the Y," told of the benefits which were being derived by the young lads from the Y. M. C. A. work, giving the fathers a close insight to the work of the "Y" and its aims among the boys, making it still more valuable for the lads in the eyes of the fathers. Ora L. Smith of Ithaca, with the toast, "What Will a Father Give for His Son?" gave one of the most praiseworthy toasts of the evening, and held the closest attention of both fathers and sons, with his remarks, which were deep in thought and contained many a valuable lesson for both.

In his capacity as toastmaster, Professor Brokenshire outdid himself, his ready wit enabling him to pull out of any situation in which he was placed by the various speakers, and placed them in rather unenviable positions.

The courtesy extended by the Republic Motor Truck company in allowing the cafeteria to be used for the banquet, was highly appreciated by those who worked so hard to make the affair the success that it was. There is no question but what the cafeteria is the finest place in the city for holding such an event, and while this is true, there is no question but what it added greatly to the work of this department, which went out of its way to do the very best that it possible could to aid in making the banquet a success. Such kind action on the part of the Republic officials cannot but promote a better and kinder feeling between the factory and the city, and bring them closer together for the benefit of both.

FORM AGENCY

W. H. Rogers and F. T. Wylls Form Alma Rating & Collection Agency.

William H. Rogers, for many years a well known resident of this city and F. T. Wylls of Lansing have formed a collection agency in this city under the name of the Alma Rating and Collection Agency.

Offices have been opened in the Wright block, and the firm is now actively engaged in this work. Mr. Rogers has had considerable experience in this line from his justice court work, which has been to some extent collection work. F. T. Wylls, who comes from Lansing, was in the claim department of the Grand Trunk railroad before going into the service.

JOHN GLASS DIED FRIDAY

Had Lived in Alma for Thirty-
Three Years and Was
Highly Respected.

VETERAN HARDWARE DEALER

Was Prominent Republican and Held
Office Several Years in Alma
as Village.

John W. Glass, one of the highly respected and for years one of the most prominent residents of this city, died at his home at the corner of Woodworth and West Center at an early hour Friday morning, following a long illness. He was about 65 years of age at the time of his death, which came as a distinct shock to his many friends, although it had been expected for some time.

Mr. Glass was born in 1854, and thirty-three years ago came to Alma, and almost continuously since that time he had been identified with the business interests of the city. For a short time after coming to this city he was in the employ of the Wright interests, but shortly after went into partnership with P. M. Smith in the hardware business, under the firm name of Smith & Glass. This partnership continued for twenty-four years, when Mr. Glass retired from the firm. Later he went to the Sanderhoff hardware, and after several years there purchased an interest in this store, under the firm name of Sanderhoff & Glass. Later, when Mr. Sanderhoff sold out his interests to Mr. Hannah, the firm name was changed to Glass & Hannah, and Mr. Glass retained his interests in this firm until about the time of his death, when his interest was deeded to his son, Floyd H. Glass.

During his long residence in Alma Mr. Glass was more or less interested in local politics. He was a staunch Republican, and as a member of that party was elected to office in Alma a number of times. He served Alma as a village, for some years as treasurer, and for two terms, this in 1890 and 1900, served Alma as the treasurer.

He was a member of the Alma fire department in the early days of the department, when the two-wheel horse carts were in vogue. He was a member of the fire department for eight years.

He is survived by his wife, his son, Floyd H. Glass, and a sister, Sue Glass of Ypsilanti.

The funeral was held from the late residence on Woodworth avenue Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. L. Gelston of the First Presbyterian church, and the remains were placed in the vault at Riverside cemetery.

THREE MEETINGS

Mrs. Marvin Addressed Three Good
Roads Meetings in One Day.

Mrs. Marvin of Lansing, sent out by the Michigan Good Roads association, gave three addresses here Friday at three different places, in the interests of the constitutional amendment which will come up before the voters of Michigan at the spring election to be held Monday, April 7.

At noon Mrs. Marvin gave a short address at the Republic Motor Truck company's plant on the need of carrying the amendment. In the afternoon she gave the second address at the annual county meeting of the L. O. T. M., which was being held in this city, and in the evening she addressed a meeting which was held at the high school in the interests of good roads.

Mrs. Marvin knew the subject upon which she talked, and the various points which she pounded home to here three audiences were impressive, and without question she gained many votes in Alma for the highly important amendment, which will make it possible for the state to borrow money for good roads, and also to acquire by matching dollar for dollar, its just portion of the millions that the United States government will spend in the various states in this work.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Fea Celebrated
Half Century of Married Life.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Fea celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, at their farm home near Alma on Tuesday, February 25, a large number of relatives and friends being present to aid them enjoy the day in fitting style.

At noon a sumptuous three-course dinner was served, the dining room being well decorated for the occasion. The table centerpiece was a pyramid wedding cake, bearing the words father and mother, and the date 1869-1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Fea were presented with many appropriate and beautiful gifts, in addition to a number of gold coins. When the guests departed they left with Mr. and Mrs. Fea their best wishes for many more years of happy wedged life.

OPENS SALESROOM

"Doc" Harmon Opens Republic Service and Sales Room Here.

"Doc" Harmon, for the past two years an employee of the Republic Motor Truck company of this city, has resigned his position with the material department, and has opened a Republic service station and sales room in this city.

Mr. Harmon has his headquarters in the Wright House garage, which is being changed over somewhat and fitted up for this work. He has secured the territory adjacent to Alma for his field of operations in the sales end of the game.

It is the intention of Mr. Harmon to also give Alma a good dependable taxi service, filling a want that has been long felt in Alma. The taxi service probably will not be started for a few weeks yet, but it is a coming thing that promises to be most popular with many people in the city.

Mr. Harmon is a hustler from the ground up, and promises to keep things moving around Alma in his various lines, and it is certain that with "Doc" pushing truck sales around Alma, there will soon be a lot more Republics chasing the streets of this city.

MONTIGEL STARTS NEW STRUCTURE

New Brick and Concrete Block
Will Be Erected as Home
for Implement Store.

J. M. Montigel, veteran implement dealer of this city, has started the construction of a new business block on East Superior street, opposite the Alma Grain & Lumber company, which will become the future home of his implement business once the structure is completed.

As he owns the building to the rear of the lot upon which he expects to construct the new building, and uses it for a storehouse, it will not be necessary for him to construct as large a building as the frame structure which he has been using for some years, and which is just to the west of the city hall.

According to his present plans the new structure will be of concrete blocks with a front of paving brick. The building, which will be 53 by 100 feet, will be one story in height. It will not have a full basement, if the present plans are carried out, it being the intention to have a basement simply for the heating plant.

Work is being started on the new building this week, and it will be rushed to completion. Mr. Montigel has high hopes of being able to get into the new quarters by June, or perhaps sooner. This will, of course, depend to a great extent, upon the promptness with which deliveries of material for the structure can be made.

The plans call for a building which will be a modern, first-class implement store in every particular. With a large structure to the rear, he will also have all the room that may be needed for storage purposes for wagons and heavy farm machinery.

BASE BALL

College Expects Good Team and Has
a Long Schedule.

With the expectation of a base ball team stronger than either of the championship nines of the past two years, a hard schedule has been arranged for the Maroon and Cream base ball team, which calls for games with all of the Michigan Intercollegiate schools excepting Adrian, which is not expected to have a nine.

At least six veterans from last year's team will be on hand for the call which will soon be coming for base ball candidates and in addition Fitch, catcher two and three years ago, who has returned from the service, will give Alma another veteran.

In the freshman class there is said to be a wealth of base ball material, included in which is Crittenden, rated as a hurler of high class, whom the fans are expecting to prove to be as good a man as Boyne has been on the diamond.

The schedule calls for thirteen games in addition to the field meet bouts at Albion in June. Eight of these games will be Michigan Intercollegiate affairs, four of which will be played here with Olivet, Kalamazoo, Albion and Hillsdale.

The schedule follows:

April 16—Mt. Pleasant Normal at Alma.

April 19—M. A. C. at East Lansing.

April 26—Olivet college at Alma.

May 2—Hillsdale college at Alma.

May 8—Ypsilanti Normal at Ypsilanti.

May 9—Olivet college at Olivet.

May 10—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo.

May 17—Albion college at Alma.

May 23—Kalamazoo college at Alma.

May 27—Mt. Pleasant Normal at Mt. Pleasant.

May 30—Albion college at Albion.

May 31—Hillsdale college at Hillsdale.

June 6 and 7—Michigan Intercollegiate track meet and base ball finals at Albion.

June 10—Ypsilanti Normals at Alma.

Smoke the best, Wagnas.—64-4f

MACCABEES MET IN ALMA FRIDAY

Annual Meeting of Gratiot
County Association Held at
I. O. O. F. Temple.

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

Forest Hill Hive Carried Off the
Honor Banner, With Elwell Hive
Second.

The annual meeting of the Gratiot county association of the L. O. T. M. was held in Alma on Friday at the I. O. O. F. temple on State street. Inasmuch as the weather conditions were poor on Friday, the members showed their loyalty by attending in a goodly number.

The meeting was called to order by County Commander Lady Alexander of St. Louis. Deputy Great Commander Lady Williamson of Muskegon Hive, who is also the second member of the executive committee of the Great Hive, who was present, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Maccabees.

At the noon hour the ladies adjourned to the dining room, where the tables were beautifully decorated in the colors of the order, and the flowers of the order, which is the carnation. The tables were loaded with good things to eat, which rapidly disappeared under the attacks of the many members present from all parts of the county.

The meeting called to order at 1:30 and the following officers were elected and installed:

County Commander—Lady Alexander of St. Louis

Past Commander—Lady Saad of Alma

Lieutenant Commander—Lady Vibber of Alma

Chaplain—Lady Wilson of St. Louis

Record Keeper—Lady Goodyear of Pleasant Valley

Finance Keeper—Lady Bovee of Ithaca

Misses at Arms—Lady Carter of North Star

Sargent—Lady Colvert of Elwell

Sentinel—Lady Booth of Riverside

Picket—Lady Williams of Elwell

Deputy Great Commander Lady Williamson acted as Great Installing officer and Deputy Great Commander Lady Branch as Mistress at Arms.

The honor banner was carried away by the Forest Hill Hive, and the second honor banner by the Elwell Hive.

This was followed by some very interesting, although short addresses which were given by various visitors. Miss Ostrander of the Lansing Hive gave an address on good health, Mrs. Marvin of Lansing and address on good roads and the amendment, Mrs. Shepard of Alma and Deputy Great Commander Lady Williamson on the necessity of women registering, and gave instructions on voting.

The meeting was closed with a song by Ladies Dick and Redman and the singing of America by the entire audience.

NEW ASSOCIATION

Business Men's Association Being
Re-organized.

Ralph Miller, who recently returned from service, is re-organizing the Alma Business Men's Association, and will work out of it a collection agency, which will fill the long felt needs of the merchants in this respect.

During the past two weeks Mr. Miller has been interviewing at least one merchant in every line of business in the city and it is understood that he has been assured of the support of the business men in the venture.

He has also been making the rounds of some of the larger cities of the state getting a line on the collections as it is handled in those communities. He has gathered some good ideas in this way that will be put into use in the new venture which he is organizing.

It is the intention of Mr. Miller to establish an office here and make it possible for debtors, against whom collections have been placed with him, to call there and make their payments, if they desire. Those who fail to take advantage of the opportunity thus offered them, will get some personal visits, according to the present plans.

It is also the intention of Mr. Miller to secure the rating of all people doing business with the Alma merchants who go into the re-organized association.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER

Miss Hazel B. Crosby of Merrill has accepted a position as assistant in the music department of Alma college. The growth of this department has exceeded all expectations, forcing the college authorities to add to its faculty.

Miss Crosby graduated from the music department of Alma college in 1914, and for the following two years attended the University of Michigan School of Music. She will enter upon her new work here this coming Monday.

DeLuxe ice cream.—77-4f-c